

# Are you ready for NYC's new Lead Paint Law?

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on training and becoming  
a certified worker or lead firm, go to:

[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

1-800-424-LEAD



See our web site at [nyc.gov/hpd](http://nyc.gov/hpd)



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- Building Owners
- Building Workers
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Superintendents
- Window Installers
- Painters



# Local Law 1 of 2004

On August 2, 2004, New York City's new Local Law 1 will go into effect. The new law requires:

- Building owners to reduce lead hazards in apartments
- Use of safe work practices for repairs and maintenance that disturb lead paint
- Training of residential building workers disturbing lead paint
- Use of dust clearance testing.

Local Law 1 applies to apartments and common areas of buildings:

- Built before 1960 or built between 1960 and 1978 and there is a reasonable belief that lead paint is present
- With 3 or more apartments, and
- Where a child under 6 years of age lives.

## WHO NEEDS TRAINING IN SAFE WORK PRACTICES?

All workers who will disturb or repair a painted surface need to be trained, including but not limited to:

- Painters who scrape or sand painted surfaces

- Plumbers and electricians who disturb painted surfaces to reach pipes or electrical wires
- Superintendents, handypersons, mechanics, window repairers, and window installers, renovators, and other building workers who will work on painted surfaces within the building.

## WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO WORKERS NEED?

The type of training required depends on the work being done.

**Repair and renovation work** disturbing from 2 to 100 square feet of painted surfaces requires:

- Workers who are trained in lead safe work practices.

**Repair and renovation work** disturbing more than 100 square feet, or replacing two or more windows requires:

- EPA-certified contractors
- Workers who are trained in lead safe work practices.

**Correction of lead violations issued by HPD under Local Law 1**

- EPA-certified contractors
- Workers who are trained in lead safe work practices.

**Correction of lead violations issued by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under the Health Code**

- EPA-certified contractors

- Workers who are trained lead abatement workers

EPA certified firms will also need:

- Lead Abatement Supervisors
- Dust Clearance Technicians

Additional training disciplines that may be required include:

- Lead Paint Inspector
- Lead Paint Risk Assessor

## HOW DO WORKERS GET TRAINED AND CONTRACTORS GET CERTIFIED?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certifies firms to do lead training. A listing of EPA-certified trainers is available on the EPA's web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or by calling the EPA at **800-424-LEAD**. Information is also available there on certification of contracting firms. Individuals and firms are required to pay for EPA training and certification.

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**Remember!**  
**You may not do work covered by Local Law 1 after August 2, 2004 unless all workers and firms are properly trained and/or certified by the EPA.**